GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4078
ANSWERED ON:14.12.2000
PROFIT EARNED/LOSS SUFFERED BY RAILWAYS
ALE NARENDRA;BASUDEB ACHARIA;MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT;SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN;TEJVEER SINGH

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the profit earned/loss suffered by the Railways during each of the last three years;

(b) the details of the revenue collected by the Railways through passengers and freight traffic during 1999-2000 and 2000-01 so far, separately, zone-wise;

(c) the extent to which the revenue collection is shorter than the expected target, separately, during 1999-2000 and 2000-01;

(d) the load carrier percentage of the system between passenger and freight traffic;

(e) the load carrier percentage during 1970-80, 1980-90 and 1990-2000;

(f) the extent to which the on going railway projects are affected thereby; and

(g) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to make Railways profitable so as to accelerate the construction work of on-going projects?

Answer

(Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways) (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) to (g) A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) of LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4078 ASKE SHRI TEJVEER SINGH CHAUDHARY, SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT, SHRI A NARENDRA, SHRI BASUDEB ACHAR SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.12.2000 REGARDING PROFIT EARNED/LOSS SUFFEI RAILWAYS.

(a) Surplus generated by the Railways during the last three years is as under:-

Rs. in crore

1997-98	1535.22
1998-99	399.08
1999-2000	845.89

(b) The Zone wise details of Revenues earned by the Railways through Passenger and Freight Traffic during 1999-2000 and 2000-01 (upto October 2000) is as under:-

Rs. in crore

	1999-2000		2000-2001(To end October 2000)	
ZONE	PASSENGER	FREIGHT	PASSENGER	FREIGHT

Central	1941.82	3228.48	1150.93	1905.95
Eastern	920.02	2589.92	562.04	1560.12
Northern	1906.05	3951.10	1190.19	2232.33
North Eastern	549.73	417.19	349.57	259.22
Northeast Frontier	185.00	432.27	115.70	259.86
Southern	945.15	1186.35	596.46	749.83
South Central	871.11	2241.91	560.01	1438.35
South Eastern	628.35	5214.03	369.03	3274.72
Western	1608.39	2799.74	983.84	1666.54
Metro	25.45	-	17.57	-

(c) The Budget Target and Actual Revenue earned for the year 1999-2000 and 2000-01(upto October) is as under:

Rs. in crore

Year	Target	Actual	Variation
1999-2000	33021.00	33124.71	+103.71
2000-2001			
(up to October 2000)	20124.08	19987.24	-136.84

(d) & (e) The term `Load Carrier` is not used as such in Indian Railways statistics.The corresponding term considered appropriate for the purpose is `Gross tonne kilometre(GTkm.).

The percentage of Passenger & Freight traffic in terms of Gross tonne KMs(including weight of motive unit but excluding departmental) during 1999-2000 as well as for the last 3 decades are as under:

YEAR	PASSENGER (including proportion of mixed)	FREIGHT (including proportion of mixed)	TOTAL
@1999-2000	34.1%	65.9%	100%
1970-71 to 1979-80	31.2%	68.8%	100%
1980-81 to 1989-90	31.5%	68.5%	100%
@1990-91 to 1999-2000	31.9%	68.1%	100%

@ Figures for 1999-2000 are provisional.

(f) No data is available to enable determination of extent to which the ongoing Railway projects have been affected by the fall in Railways` load carrier percentage of the passenger and freight traffic.

(g) In order to improve internal resources generation for funding ongoing projects, measures have been taken to improve staff productivity, asset utilisation, inventory management, fuel consumption and to ensure austerity in areas such as travel, publicity, hospitality etc., thereby controlling expenditure and to improve earnings through appropriate marketing efforts and by tapping non-traditional sources of revenue such as commercial utilisation of Railway land and air space, leasing of `right of way` of optical fibre cable, commercial publicity on rolling stock and station buildings, leasing of parcel services etc.